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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) ANNOUNCES 2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

LOS ANGELES – April 27, 2011 – The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) announced their 2011 recipients of the Agency’s academic scholarships. The seven students were selected from a field of more than 90 applicants.

The recipients are from each of the counties SCAG serves: Imperial County: Ana Paulina Briceno Romo; Los Angeles County: Jason Pettigrew and Elena T. Thomas; Orange County: Melissa Jaen Jeng; Riverside County: Margaret Audi; San Bernardino County: Kevin Wesley Dumler; and Ventura County: Nicholas E. Gervasoni.

The recipients, announced during SCAG’s April Regional Council Meeting, will each receive \$2,000 and participate in a two-week externship at a local planning agency during the summer. In July, the students will come to SCAG to learn about a career in urban planning and have the opportunity to meet their local elected officials.

“The Southern California Association of Governments is proud to award scholarships to these very deserving students,” said SCAG President and Highland City Councilman Larry McCallon. He went on to say, “Work performed by SCAG is essential to the long term sustainability of our region. As the largest metropolitan planning organization in the country, we want to do all we can to encourage students to pursue careers related to regional planning and public service.”

SCAG Scholarship Program applicants were evaluated on several criteria, including their grade point average (3.0 or higher), letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay. The recipients were evaluated based on expressed interests, career goals, and activities in the student’s school and surrounding community.

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About SCAG

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 190 cities and more than 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG’s regional efforts, please visit www.scag.ca.gov.